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Napolitano, Governors met with Mexican President Yesterday,  
will see Chertoff Today***

PUERTO PENASCO, Sonora – Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano, along with her U.S.-Mexico border colleagues, spent time with the President of Mexico, Felipe Calderon Hinojosa, pressing for more attention to the challenges facing states on both sides of the U.S. – Mexico border.

The Governors, who are gathered for the XXV Border Governors Conference in Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, talked with Calderon about the full range of issues, including the flow of methamphetamine, human trafficking, and the use of a technique – pioneered in Arizona – to effectively track the money generated by illegal enterprises.

Governor Napolitano, and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, will meet with U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff this afternoon.

“President Calderon has a clear understanding of the problems caused by illegal immigration in Mexico and the United States,” said Governor Janet Napolitano. “I’m looking forward to raising the same issues with Secretary Chertoff this afternoon.”

As part of the Border Governors Conference, the 10 member states signed a series of joint declarations to make the border region safe and prosperous. One key declaration was specifically designed to attack the meth trade. The governors called on the two federal governments to “strengthen common border security by working to interdict chemicals, drugs and weapons before they leave our respective countries.” They also agreed that the U.S. must implement an enhanced chemical control importation system to place tighter controls on incoming shipments.

Currently, countries are importing pseudoephedrine into the U.S., driving it into Mexico to manufacture meth and then smuggling it back into the U.S.

The governors also stressed the importance of tracking pseudoephedrine imports from other countries, particularly Germany, India and China and sharing this information with Mexican authorities in an effort to prohibit the manufacturing and importation of meth.

Other topics addressed included:

- *Prescription Drugs* – Residents along the U.S.-Mexico border need a safe and legal avenue to buy and import prescription drugs. Governors called upon the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and respective federal organizations to authorize border state agencies to establish safety and quality standards for pharmacies and manufacturers that must be met to participate in a prescription drug importation pilot program along the U.S.-Mexico border.
- *Damming Warrants* – Arizona has successfully hindered human and drug traffickers by controlling the flow of money through wire transfers. Arizona's strategies will be implemented border wide.
- *Border Infrastructure* – Ports of entry along the U.S.-Mexico border need to be modern and able to support business at the border. The federal governments must allocate the funds necessary to implement post 9/11 security initiatives.
- *3-in-1 ID* – With increased regulations for crossing the border, identification needs to effectively display the required information to allow people to legally move between countries. Other states will observe Arizona's implementation of the optional 3-in-1 ID.

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